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Catherine Sweet-Windham named executive director of institutional advancement

Catherine Sweet-Windham has been promoted to executive director of institutional advancement, a unit that encompasses the offices of development, public relations, media relations, and alumni relations.

For the past three years, Sweet-Windham has been executive director of the Development Office and was largely responsible for the success of Gallaudet's Capital Campaign, which exceeded its \$30 million goal by raising \$39 million. One-third of this money funded the construction of the Student Academic Center and the balance went toward Gallaudet scholarships and programs.

Sweet-Windham began her Gallaudet career in 1994 in the Development Office as director of individual giving, and in 1997 she was promoted to director of major and planned giving. In both of these positions, she developed strategic marketing plans that resulted in a significant increase in



Catherine Sweet-Windham

gifts and percentage of donors. She also served as special assistant to the chair for Deaf Way II and helped raise over \$1 million for the international conference and arts festival held in July 2002.

Sweet-Windham received her bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and a master's degree from Gallaudet. □



Dr. Bette Martin, special assistant to the president for institutional affairs, faculty member, and University liaison to the Board of Trustees, retires at the end of this month. (See story on page 2.)



This year's Williams Memorial Scholarship winners, Jessica Valencia (second from left) and Abiodum Odunlami (right), are congratulated by Paul Williams and Joan Williams.

Outstanding MSSD grads awarded Alan Robert Williams Memorial Scholarships

(And guess where they're going to college!)

By Michael Zusi

The annual MSSD awards ceremony last spring was the occasion for presenting the second annual Alan Robert Williams Memorial Scholarship. This year, two deserving young women, Abiodum Odunlami and Jessica Valencia, shared \$11,000 that will be used to defray expenses while they attend the college of their choice—which happens to be Gallaudet, where both are enrolled this semester.

The Williams scholarship recognizes MSSD graduates who have shown a strong motivation to succeed in their education and personal achievement. Valencia, who attended MSSD for two years, aspires to teach deaf children and set an example for young students. She wrote in her application essay, "I am [Mexican-American] and from a small city. I want to be a good role model for my town and young kids. I always want to go back to Arizona [where she was born and raised] after I get my master's degree to make changes in

Arizona, especially in the deaf community."

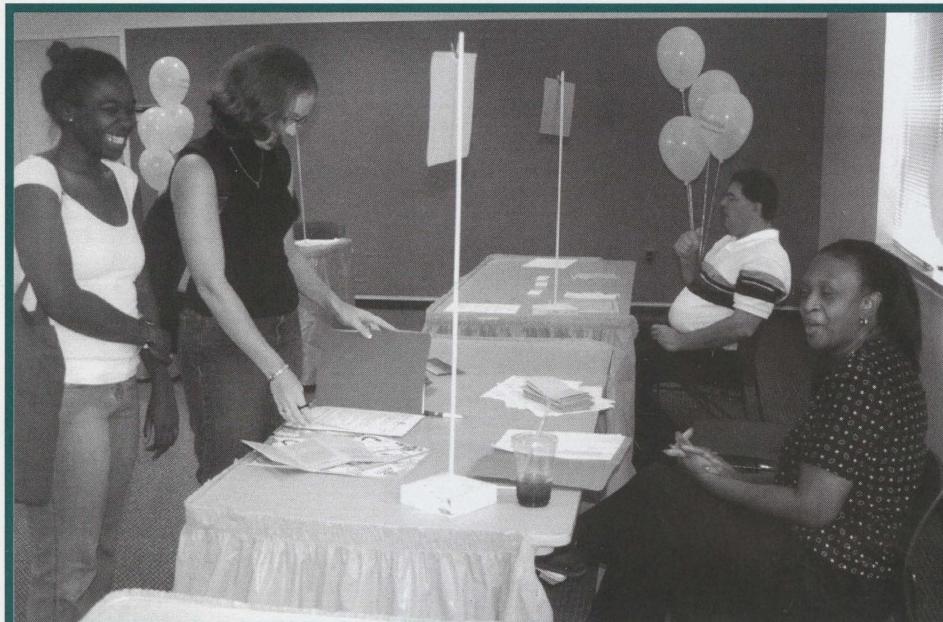
Odunlami was born in Nigeria and came to the United States with her mother, two sisters, and one brother, all of whom are deaf. She wrote, "...we moved to America for better lives, education, personal growth, and experiences...." She would like to become a pharmacist or medical laboratory technician. Although they have different goals, both women chose Gallaudet as the best place to pursue them.

The Williams Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Alan Robert Williams, an MSSD graduate who died in an accident in 1999. His mother, Joan Williams, and brother, Paul Williams, have funded a private trust that funds the scholarship on a yearly basis. As it always does, this year's awards will have a great impact on some of the best and brightest college-bound students. □

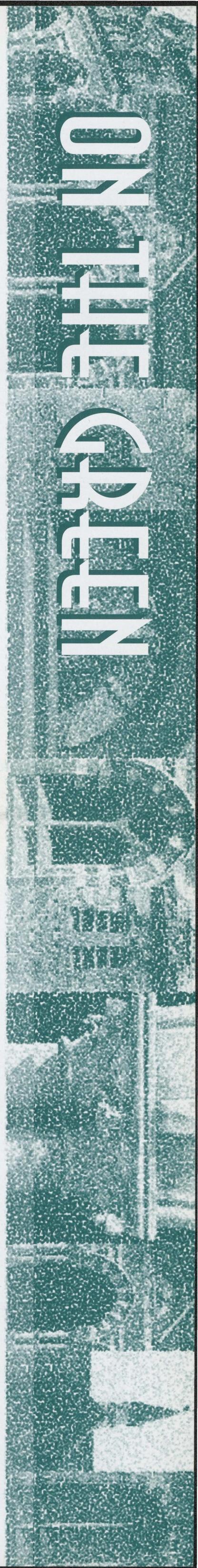
(Michael Zusi is director of major and planned giving in the Development Office.)

'Inside Gallaudet' is here!

The University's new news site, "Inside Gallaudet," is up and running! Stay informed about the latest developments on campus by logging in at news.gallaudet.edu. The site was developed and will be maintained by Darlene Prickett, web author, and Ralph Fernandez, WWW designer/developer, both of the Office of Public Relations.



Graduate students Susie Benniefield (left) and Eliza Peoples inquire about part-time positions in the Financial Aid Office from Jean Alexander, financial aid advisor, at an August 28 Student Employment Fair held in the SUB. They were among 445 students who attended the fair, which was sponsored by the Career Center. Representatives from 10 departments were present at the fair to make students aware of the part-time job openings that are available and to accept applications for them. According to Deborah Barron, career library specialist in the Career Center, there are currently 23 part-time jobs open to students that are advertised through the Career Center, although there are an undetermined number of other jobs for students that are not posted there. Because the majority of students who are looking for part-time jobs inquire about them through the Career Center—especially at the beginning of each semester—she said it is important for campus units to advertise their job openings with the center. Barron added that securing part-time jobs for students is a great retention tool.





Timothy Anderson (third from left), an ESL instructor, is recognized for 15 years of service to Gallaudet by Bunmi Aina, Office of International Programs and Services director. Also pictured are co-workers (from left) Alexander Quaynor, ESL instructor, Susan Ganz, administrative secretary, Tissa Peiris, ASL instructor, and Hong You Xu, volunteer.

Bette Martin—a tough act to follow

"I loved watching the change," said Dr. Bette Martin when asked to describe the highlights of her long and prolific Gallaudet career. "When I arrived on campus in the mid-sixties, Gallaudet was not very diverse. Most students were white; the faculty, staff, and the Board of Trustees, too. Now Gallaudet truly reflects how the world looks."

Martin joined the Gallaudet English Department in 1966, having taught at Ohio State University and for the Job Corps in Kentucky. After an intensive eight-week sign language class from the late Rex Lowman, she taught her first Gallaudet classes. "I had never met a deaf person and the thought of learning sign language and teaching deaf students was a bit intimidating, to say the least," she said, "but Dr. William Stokoe, who was chair of the department then and who hired me, told me I could do it—and I did."

A Brooklyn, N.Y., native, Martin was just settling in at Gallaudet when her husband, Gene, accepted a job with the Peace Corps that took her and the couple's two sons first to Ethiopia and then to Ghana; she returned to Washington and Gallaudet in 1971.

"Living in Africa taught me so much," Martin said. "I know it made me a more effective teacher. I

learned how alike people are. No matter the trappings, we all want to love and enjoy family and friends, we all want our children to have a better life, and we all want to do meaningful work."

For the next 14 years, teaching became the focus of Martin's life. Then, when the Northwest Campus opened in 1985, she was asked to coordinate the English Department there, which she did for a couple of years before heading back to Kendall Green for the 1987-88 academic year. But she did not return to the classroom full time. Instead, her career took off on an entirely different trajectory.

"When my friend and colleague, King Jordan, the newly appointed dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, asked me to serve as his special assistant that fall, I accepted, though with some hesitancy. It meant that I would spend less time with students."

It also meant that she had a front row seat to one of the greatest events of the century, the Deaf President Now protest. "Without a doubt, it was a most incredible week," Martin said of DPN. "I'll never forget the victory march to the Capitol. I had participated in many, many civil rights demonstrations and anti-war protests over the years, so I could not believe the support and delight of police offi-

cers, the neighbors who had come out on their porches to watch, the press, and even people in cars that were stopped so we could march by. They all seemed to be flashing the 'I love you' sign—which they had just learned. Remarkable."

Since those heady days of 1988, Martin has served as President Jordan's special assistant for institutional affairs. In that capacity she has been the University's primary liaison with the Board of Trustees and has chaired numerous committees, including the ever-challenging space and parking committees. In addition, she supervised the Office of Enrollment Services for a number of years, as well as the Offices of Alumni Relations, Public Relations, and Media Relations.

"Gallaudet has given me so much, it's hard to put into words," she said. "But again, I start with the people—students I've taught and everyone I've worked with all over campus. I've learned with them, worked with them, disagreed with them, and played with them. I'm one of those lucky folks; my work has given me great satisfaction and much pleasure."

And Bette Martin, who will retire at the end of this month, has given much to a grateful Gallaudet. □



Administration & Finance

Meningococcal meningitis? Say again!

Meningococcal meningitis—try fingerspelling that fast three times! It's a big name for a disease that strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and claims about 300 lives.

It's not a common disease, but the number of cases among teens and young adults has more than doubled since 1991. Recent information shows that college students, particularly freshmen living in residence halls, have an increased risk for contracting this disease. Between 100 and 125 cases of meningitis occur annually on college campuses, and of these, as many as 15 students die of the disease.

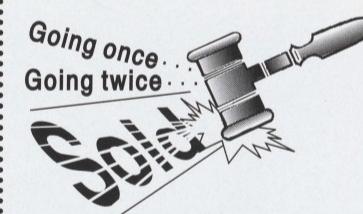
Student Health Service (SHS) doesn't want anyone on campus to be stricken with this terrible disease. It has a meningococcal vaccine available to any student, teacher, faculty, or staff member who wants protection from the disease. The vaccine will be administered on Tuesday, September 23, in the SUB, Lower Level, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The cost is \$80 for the vaccine (checks or cash only, payable at the time of the inoculation). To get an appointment time,

call SHS at X5090, or e-mail chantrawan.chittasingh@gallaudet.edu.

In addition to offering the vaccine, SHS also wants to educate the campus about the disease. Here's some meningitis facts:

There are several types of meningitis. The two that occur most often in adults are viral meningitis and bacterial meningitis. Viral meningitis is usually not fatal, with symptoms of headache, high fever, vomiting, and leg pains. People with most types of viral meningitis usually recover within one or two weeks. Meningitis caused by bacteria has an abrupt onset. The symptoms include headache, stiff neck, fever, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, and irritability, often leading to a coma. It progresses rapidly within the body and may lead to death in 24 to 72 hours if untreated. Early diagnosis is critical.

Meningitis—a scary disease, but treatable. SHS wants you to have the facts so you can stay healthy. If you have any questions about meningitis, call or e-mail SHS—they've got the answers. □



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ROVING REPORTER

What is it about Summer Celebration that you enjoy the most?



Patricia Johnson, administrative secretary I, Communication Studies:

I enjoy interacting with everyone I don't get to see on a regular basis.



Sheila Avsec, interpreter, ITS:

Bingo, because I love Bingo—and I won! I also like the Bungee Run.



Reid Hunt, mental health counselor, Mental Health Center:

I enjoy meeting people from outside my department.



Janell Bunn-Verdin, child development center coordinator, Clerc Center:

I'm thrilled to be here and meet people. Unfortunately, I can only come for a short time because I have to switch off with my co-workers.



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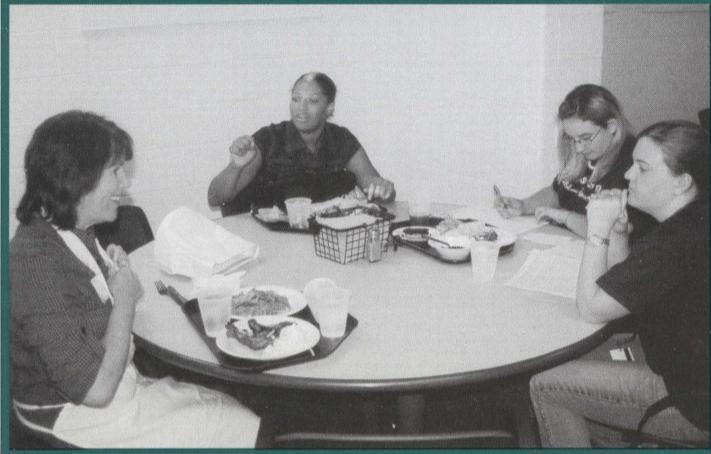
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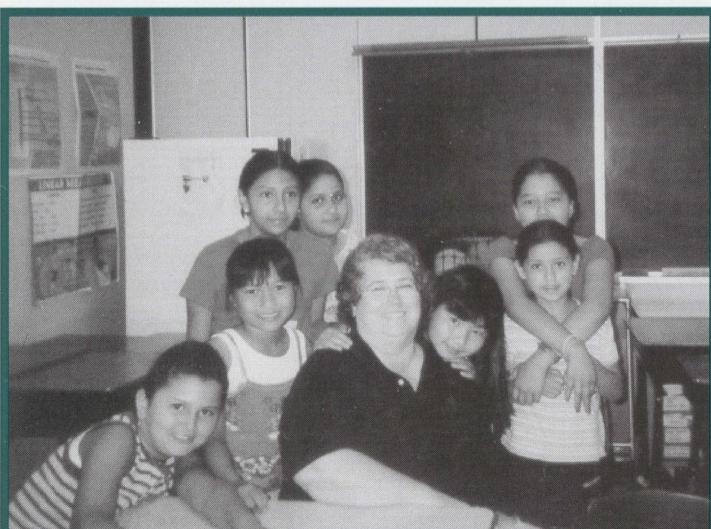
Above: (from left) Executive Director of Institutional Advancement Catherine Sweet-Windham, Executive Director of Enrollment Services Deborah DeStefano, and CLAST Academic Departments and Summer and Saturday @ Gallaudet Associate Dean Karen Kimmel were among the administrators and professional staff who took a stint on the serving line at an August 21 lunch in the Student Cafeteria. The lunch, which was hosted by the Provost's Office, was an occasion for new undergraduate and graduate students and new students in the English Language Institute to get acquainted with Academic Affairs faculty and staff before classes began. Below: First Year Experience Director Catherine Andersen chats with students (from left) Alisha Lewis, Lindsay Henderson, and Valerie Rainey.



AMONG OURSELVES

Sarah Hamrick, director of information services at the University Library, was one of 12 individuals from Global Volunteers, Partners in Development, who helped direct a program the first week in August in Pelican Rapids, Minn., designed to improve English language and study skills of 50 children of new immigrants who relocated from their countries to work in the town's large turkey processing plant. According to its fact sheet, Global Volunteers is a nonprofit organization based in St. Paul, Minn., that strives to wage peace throughout the world by helping to establish mutual understanding between people of different cultures.

Stemo Warigon, director of Audit/Management Advisory Services, was awarded the National Black Deaf Advocates' Bronze Hand Award for exemplary volunteer service, in abstentia, at the organization's 2003 convention, held recently in Denver, Colo. Warigon was recognized for his efforts to raise money to complete the bust of Dr. Andrew Foster, Gallaudet's first black, deaf graduate and a pioneer in founding schools for deaf people in Africa, which the NBDA hopes will be erected on Kendall Green.



Sarah Hamrick with some of her young students, who came with their parents from Mexico, Taiwan, Somalia, and Vietnam to work in Pelican Rapids, Minn. "The kids were great," said Hamrick. "Some of these kids have only been in the United States a month and yet they have learned so much."

Gally Facts:

Why is the road near MSSD called Telegraph Hill Road?

manager
was also Morse's business
whom Kendall Green is named,
philanthropist and politician for
throughout". Amos Kendall, the
transmitted the first telegraph
1844, Samuel F.B. Morse
Baltimore, Md. On May 24,
Washington, D.C., and
America, which ran between
site of the first telegraph line in
the fact that MSSD rests on the
entrance, gets its name from
Brentwood Road to the MSSD
runs from the gate on
Telegraph Hill Road, which

ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

I have visited Gallaudet
University several times in
the last two or three years for
Deaf Way II and a class
reunion during Homecoming.
I am pleased to see the cam-
pus is getting prettier every
time I visit. When I was a stu-
dent in the early 1970s, the
campus was known as
"Kendall Brown." I really
liked the flowering trees in
front of Chapel Hall. The col-
ors come in pink or red or
white. I'm thinking of planting
one here in California. Is it
called the English Plant Tree?
Thank you for your time.

Tree Lover

Dear Tree Lover,

How Aunty wishes she could
present you with a color photo-

graph of the nine lovely trees you
mention as they appear in all their
glory on this beautiful late sum-
mer's day. They are called crepe
myrtle (also spelled crape myrtle)
and, as you mention, come in many
shades of red, as well as white.
Ours are a striking pink, a perfect
contrast to the reddish stone from
which Chapel Hall is constructed.
Gardeners in these parts some-
times call crepe myrtle "the lilac of
the south" because of the similarity
of both trees' blossoms. They are
very hardy, require minimum care,
and depending on the variety and
the amount of sun and moisture a
particular plant may receive, will
bloom from mid-July to mid-
September. Is there any question
why, then, that next to her beloved
ginkgo, the crepe myrtle is Aunty's
favorite tree? Do check with your
local nursery guru to make sure
these gifts of nature will thrive in
your northern California
environment.



CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

Summer Camp celebrates 40 years

Gallaudet Summer Camp at KDES celebrated its 40th anniversary this summer, marking a milestone for children whose parents work at Gallaudet and enjoy the opportunity of having their offspring on campus all day for six weeks each summer.

Founded in 1963 by the late Dorothy Hamberg, a former professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, the Gallaudet Summer Camp, which is open to children of all Gallaudet employees, was the first mainstreamed summer camp in the nation. This summer, the camp ran from June 30 to August 8. A record 12 volunteer "camp counselors" signed on, supervising 125 children, ages 4 to 12.

As in past sessions, this year's campers enjoyed instruction in art, swimming, dance, and the Discovery program—which this summer included a ropes course for 8 to 12-year-olds and decision-making and problem-solving events for younger children.

Special events included pony rides, "Goofy Olympics," a visit to a quarry, swimming events, and a picnic.

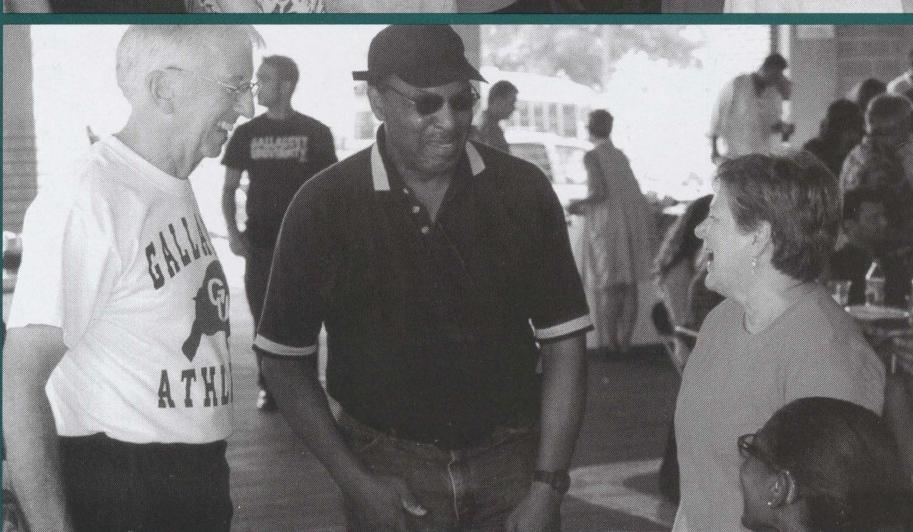
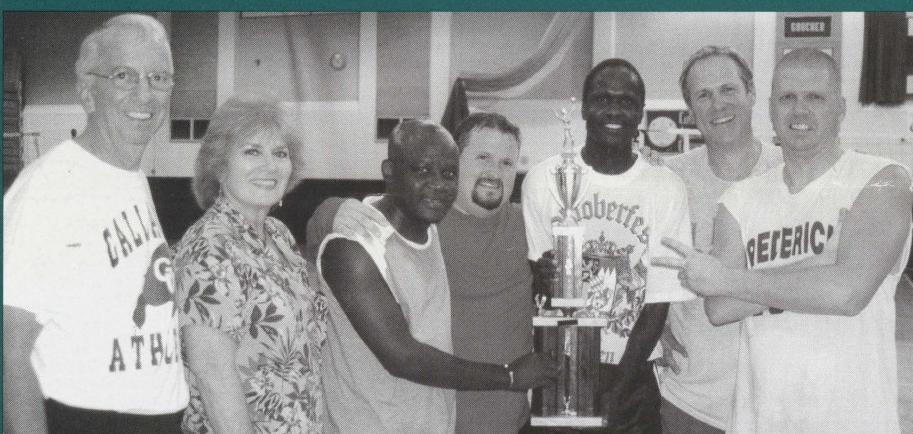
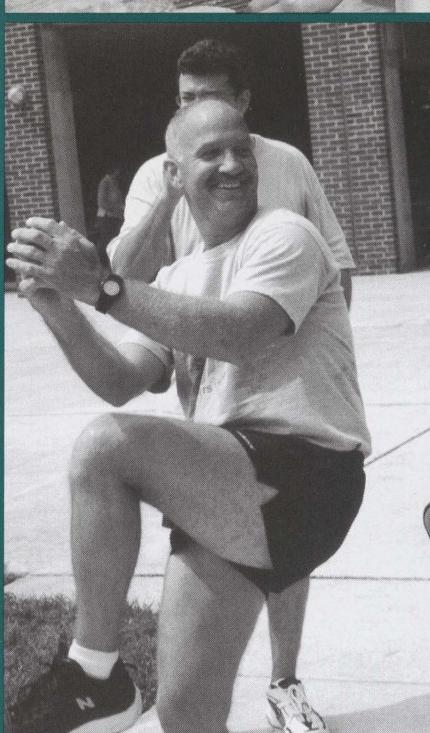
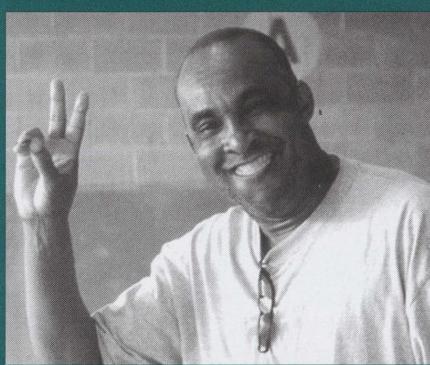
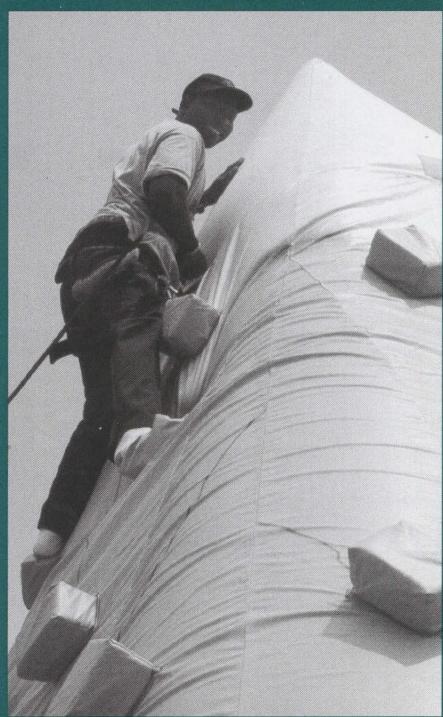
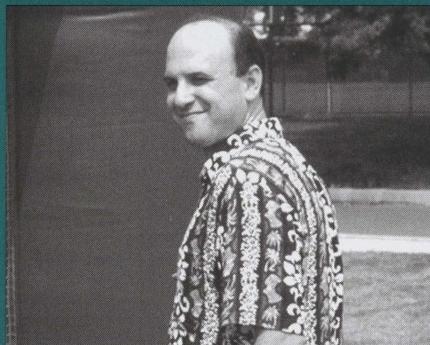
Along with the camp for older children, the Clerc Center's Child Development Center offered its 17th annual bilingual summer program for children ages 19 months to 9 years. Some 60 campers signed on to swim, learn, explore, and have a good time from June 23 to August 15. The CDC's camp is open to children of Gallaudet employees and students. The children went on field trips to North Beach, Md., and Hains Point in D.C.'s East Potomac Park.



The Child Development Center's Summer Camp outings included trips to North Beach, Md., (above) and to Hains Point in Washington, D.C.'s East Potomac Park (below).



SCENES FROM SUMMER CELEBRATION 2003.



Dance, tumbling classes for kids offered

The National Deaf Dance Academy is offering eight-week dance and tumbling classes for deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing children ages 4 to 12 from the Gallaudet community, beginning October 3. All classes will take place at KDES on Fridays from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m., in the movement room.

Class offerings are:

- Dance and tumbling for children 4 to 5 years old
- Ballet, hip-hop jazz, and tap for children 6 to 9 years old
- Jazz-funk for children 10 to 12 years old

The fees are \$8 per class, or \$64 for all eight weeks. Classes are limited to children of Gallaudet/MSSD/KDES faculty and staff, full-time Gallaudet students, and children attending KDES/CDC.

Ongoing registration will be at the Physical Education and Recreation Department's main office in the Field House. For more information, call x5591 or e-mail susan.gill-doleac@gallaudet.edu.

Mentoring Program seeks faculty and staff volunteers

The Mentoring Program, matching new freshmen and transfer students with a supportive staff or faculty member, is back. The goal this year is to match each of the 260 new undergraduate students with a faculty or staff mentor.

"To date, we don't have nearly enough faculty or staff members signed up to be volunteer mentors to meet the demand," said Thuan Nguyen, coordinator of mentoring and minority academic support programs.

The program is designed to provide support to students, many of whom are living away from home for the first time. Mentors should get together occasionally throughout the year with their mentees, possibly for

lunch, and check in with the students about how they're doing in class, social activities, and personal and career aspirations.

Last year, 142 staff and faculty members provided mentoring services to 324 students. Mentors and mentees are matched based on common career interests, communication styles, and other factors. Results have shown that the mentoring program contributes to strengthening the retention rate.

Anyone who works at Gallaudet can be a mentor. Interested individuals can either pick up a form in SAC, Room 2231, or contact Nguyen at x5443 or e-mail thuan.nguyen@gallaudet.edu. 